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OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE.

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President:

REV. GEORGE YOUNG, D. D.

Secretary:

REV. JOHN SEMMENS.

Assistant Secretary:

REV. JOHN E. HUNTER.

Journal Secretary:

REV. G. K. ADAMS.

THE

Manitoba & North West Conference

OF THE

METHODIST CHURCH OF CANADA,

Was Organized in Wesley Hall, Winnipeg, Manitoba,

On Wednesday, August 1st, 1883.

SESSIONS OF CONFERENCE.

YEAR.	PLACE.	PRESIDENT.	SECRETARY.
1883	Winnipeg	George Young, D. D.	John Semmens.

MINUTES

OF THE

Manitoba & North West Conference,

HELD IN THE CITY OF WINNIPEG,

AUGUST 1ST TO AUGUST 6TH, 1883.

PURSUANT to the action of the General Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada, at the call of its President, the Rev. S. D. RICE, D. D., the First Conference for Manitoba and the North West, assembled in Wesley Hall, Main Street, Winnipeg, at 10 o'clock a.m., of Wednesday, the 1st of August, 1883.

The President, the Rev. GEORGE YOUNG, D. D., Superintendent of Missions for Manitoba and the North West, occupied the chair.

After an hour spent in prayer, the President reviewed the work which had necessitated the organization of an Annual Conference in this country, referred to the appointment, by the General Conference, of himself as the first President thereof, indicated the subjects to be discussed, and exhorted to conscientiousness and charity in the discharge of the duties incident to our new relations.

The President called the Conference Roll, and 47 names were recorded, representing the Members of the Conference present.

The Conference proceeded to ballot for Secretary, whereupon the Rev. JOHN SEMMENS was elected.

The Secretary made suitable acknowledgement of the honor conferred upon him.

On nomination of the Secretary, the Rev. J. E. HUNTER was appointed Assistant Secretary, and the Rev. G. K. ADAMS, Journal Secretary.

On motion the following brethren were appointed to report the proceedings of Conference to the press:—

REV. J. W. BELL, B. D., ... To *Christian Guardian.*
REV. W. W. COLPITTS, ... To *Wesleyan.*
REV. T. E. MORDEN, B. A., }
REV. BEN. FRANKLIN, B. A. } ..... To the local dailies.

It was moved by Rev. JOHN MCDOUGALL, seconded by the Rev. W. W. COLPITTS, and

RESOLVED:—"That the appointment of Conference Committees rest with the President."

QUESTION.—Who cor pose the several Conference Committees?

1.—PASTORAL ADDRESS COMMITTEE.

REV. E. A. STAFFORD, M. A.
" JAMES WOODSWORTH.
" COLEMAN BRISTOL, M. A.
" WILLIAM HALSTEAD.

2.—STATE OF THE WORK.

REV. W. J. HEWITT.
" JOHN McDOUGALL.
" W. T. DYER.
" A. W. ROSS.
" ANDREW STEWART, B. D.
" THOMAS LAWSON.

3.—STATISTICS.

REV. J. W. BELL, B. D.
" G. K. ADAMS.
" BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, B. A.
" S. E. COLWILL.
" J. E. ALLEN.

4.—MEMORIALS.

REV. CHARLES LADNER.
" J. F. BETTS.
" A. B. HAMES.
" J. M. HARRISON.
" A. STEWART, B. D.
" PETER W. DAVIES.

5.—CHURCH PROPERTY.

Rev. JAMES WOODSWORTH.
" WILLIAM HALSTEAD.
" J. H. RUTTAN.
" THOMAS LAWSON.
" WELLINGTON BRIDGEMAN.

6.—TEMPERANCE.

Rev. J. W. BELL, B. D.
" J. F. BETTS.
" T. B. BEYNON, B. A.
" JOHN McLEAN, B. A.
" CHARLES MYERS.

7.—CONTINGENT FUND.

Rev. HENRY KENNER.
" R. B. LAIDLEY.
" W. R. MORRISON.
" T. B. WILLSON.
" A. B. HAMES.

8.—CHILDREN'S FUND.

Rev. JAMES WOODSWORTH.
" W. L. RUTLEDGE.
" J. H. RUTTAN.
" J. A. JACKSON.

9.—SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Rev. W. J. HEWITT.
" W. W. COLPITTS.
" I. N. ROBINSON.
" J. H. HOWARD.

10.—EDUCATIONAL.

THE PRESIDENT OF CONFERENCE.
REV. E. A. STAFFORD, M. A.
" JAMES WOODSWORTH.
" CHARLES LADNER.
COL. W. N. KENNEDY.
HON. S. C. BIGGS.
" J. W. SIFTON.
A. BOWERMAN, ESQ., M. A.,
Sect'y.-Treasurer.

11.—BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

REV. E. A. STAFFORD, M. A.
" W. L. RUTLEDGE.
" JAMES WOODSWORTH.
" J. W. BELL, B. D.
" ANDREW STEWART, B. D.
" ~~COLEMAN BRISTOL, M. A.~~
" BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, B. A.
" J. F. BETTS.
" T. B. BEYNON, B. A.

12.—PASTORAL ADDRESS (1884).

REV. JAMES WOODSWORTH.
" J. F. BETTS.
" ANDREW STEWART, B. D.

13.—CONFERENCE SERVICES (1884).

THE PRESIDENT OF CONFERENCE.
REV. CHARLES LADNER.
" JAMES WOODSWORTH.
" J. M. HARRISON.

14.—CONFERENCE SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

THE PRESIDENT OF CONFERENCE.
THE SECRETARY OF CONFERENCE.
THE CHAIRMAN OF DISTRICTS.
REV. J. W. BELL, B. D.
" J. F. BETTS.
" WILLIAM HALSTEAD.
" W. W. COLPITTS.
" THOMAS LAWSON,
" W. T. DYER.

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OTHER COMMITTEES.

15.—COLLEGE COMMITTEE.

THE HON THE LIEUT.-GOV. OF MANITOBA.
THE HON. C. P. BROWN.
J. H. ASHDOWN, ESQ.
THOMAS RYAN, ESQ.
EDWARD BENSON, M. D.
W. W. BANNING, ESQ.
J. A. M. AIKINS, ESQ.
ELI HIGGINS, ESQ.
A. BOWERMAN, ESQ., M. A.
REV. T. L. HELLIWELL.
THOMAS NIXON, ESQ.
With power to add to their number.

[SEE RESOLUTION.]

16.—BOOK ROOM COMMITTEE.

THE PRESIDENT OF CONFERENCE.
REV. E. A. STAFFORD, M. A.
" GEORGE DANIEL.
" W. L. RUTLEDGE.
" T. E. MORDEN, B. A.
" T. L. HELLIWELL.
COL. W. N. KENNEDY.
GEORGE H. FLINT, ESQ.
S. R. PARSONS, ESQ.
C. A. WILLSON, ESQ.
T. H. PRESTON, ESQ.
J. S. AIKINS, ESQ.

[SEE RESOLUTION.]

17.—LIEUT.-GOV. OF MANITOBA'S ADDRESS.

THE PRESIDENT OF CONFERENCE.
REV. E. A. STAFFORD, M. A.
" W. L. RUTLEDGE.
" GEO. DANIEL.

With power to add to their number.

18.—LIEUT.-GOV. OF N. W. T.'S ADDRESS.

REV. W. J. HEWITT.
" COLEMAN BRISTOL, M. A.
W. H. GIBBS, JR., ESQ.

19.—CAMP MEETINGS.

SOUTHERN SECTION.—THE PRESIDENT OF CONFERENCE.
REV. J. SEMMENS.
" J. E. HUNTER.
" W. R MORRISON.
" J. H. RUTTAN.
" GEORGE DANIEL.

19.—CAMP MEETINGS—CONTINUED.

WESTERN SECTION.—THE PRESIDENT OF CONFERENCE.
REV. W. J HEWITT.
" J. H. JOSLYN.
[SEE RESOLUTION.]

20.—TREASURERS OF CONNEXIONAL FUNDS.

GENERAL CONFERENCE FUND—REV. E. A. STAFFORD, M. A.
CHILDREN'S FUND—REV. JAMES WOODSWORTH.
CONTINGENT—REV. W. R MORRISON.
EDUCATIONAL—
SUPERANUATION—
SABBATH SCHOOL—

21. MEMBER OF CENTRAL BOARD OF MISSIONS.

THE REV. JAMES WOODSWORTH.

22.—MEMBER OF TRANSFER COMMITTEE.

THE REV. E. A. STAFFORD, M. A.

QUESTION.—What Probationers for the Ministry are this year admitted into full connexion with the Conference, and ordained?

ANSWER.
JOHN PETERS.
ALBERT D. WHEELER.
*GEORGE RODDICK.
*Previously ordained in the Presbyterian Church.

To be ordained for special purposes.
W. M BAKER

QUESTION.—What Probationers remain on trial?

ANSWER.—

(*a*) Who are the Probationers of *three* years.

W. W. ANDREWS.
CLEMENT WILLIAMS.
W. H. SPENCE.

(*b*) Who are the Probationers of *two* years.

W. M. BAKER.

(*c*) Who are the Probationers of *one* year.

ROBERT H. CRAIG.
GEORGE H. LONG.
D. SCOTT HOUCK
DANIEL McGREGOR.

QUESTION.—What Candidates for our Ministry are now received on trial?

GEORGE HANNA.
†W. H. BUCKLER.

† On motion, Bro. Buckler was allowed his time on condition of completing the preliminary course of study previous to 1st of Jan., '84.

QUESTION.—Who are the Supernumerary Ministers?

T. L. HELLIWELL.
T. E. MORDEN, B. A.
GEORGE RODDICK.
JOSHUA ELLIOTT.
N. D. PETERS.
JOSEPH RAWSON.

QUESTION.—How are the Ministers and Preachers stationed for the ensuing year?

ANSWER.

GEO. YOUNG, D. D., PRESIDENT OF CONFERENCE.
JOHN SEMMENS, SECRETARY.

NOTE.—The P. O. Address is in brackets when necessary.

I.—WINNIPEG DISTRICT.

1. Winnipeg (Grace Church).....Ezra A. Stafford, M. A.; George Young, D. D., Superintendent of Missions in the North West; Thomas L. Helliwell, Supernumerary.
2. Winnipeg (Zion Church).....William L. Rutledge; Thomas E. Morden, B. A., Supernumerary.
3. Winnipeg, Bannatyne St. .....George Daniel.
4. Emerson .....John Semmens (one wanted).
5. Dominion City .....John E. Hunter.
6. Morris .....John H. Howard.
7. Stonewall .....J. Austin Jackson.
8. Rat Portage and C. P. R. ....William Halstead.
9. Selkirk .....Robert B. Laidley.
10. Plympton .....William R. Morrison.
11. Fisher River .....Andrew W. Ross.
12. Berens River.....One to be sent.
13. Norway House .....Orrin German.
14. Oxford House .....Enos Langford.
15. Nelson River. .....To be visited.

W. W. Andrews, at College.

E. A. STAFFORD, M. A., *Chairman.*
WILLIAM L. RUTLEDGE, *Financial Secretary.*

II.—PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE DISTRICT.

16. Portage la Prairie.....James Woodsworth;
17. Burnside and Prospect.....Alfred J. Barltrops;
18. High Bluff.....Arthur B. Hames;
19. Meadow Lea.....John H. Ruttan;
20. Gladstone .....James E. Allen;
21. Neepawa .....Isaac N. Robinson;
22. Big Plain .....Benj. Franklin, B. A. (Carberry), Robert H. Craig (Carberry);
23. Minnedosa.....Thos. B. Willson.

JAMES WOODSWORTH, *Chairman.*
A. B. HAMES, *Financial Secretary.*

III.—THE BRANDON DISTRICT.

24. Brandon.....Charles Ladner, W. H. Spence, George Roddick (Brandon Hills);
25. Milford and Souris City .....George K. Adams (Sourisburgh), Joshua Elliott, Supernumerary;
26. Rapid City.....William T. Dyer;
27. Oak River and Shoal Lake....William M. Baker;
28. Plum Creek and Souris River, J. M. Harrison (Souris), Geo. Hanna;
28. Antlers .....Albert D. Wheeler (Menota);
30, Birtle .....John F. Betts, Clement Williams, Joseph Rawson, Supernumerary;
31. Shell River .....Henry Kenner;
32. New Dale ..... One wanted;
35. Elton .....William M. Buckler, under superintendent of Brandon (Douglas);
34. Griswold and Alexander..... Richard Avison (Griswold);
35. Virden .....Thomas B. Beynon, B. A., N. D. Peters, Supernumerary;
36. Moose Mountain .....William G. Wilson (Moosomin);
37. Moosomin ..... One wanted.

CHARLES LADNER, *Chairman.*
G. K. ADAMS, *Financial Secretary.*

IV.—THE REGINA DISTRICT.

38. Regina .....William J. Hewitt, one wanted.
39. Qu'Appelle Station.....Thomas Lawson, (Troy) Daniel McGregor, one to be sent;
40. Broadview, ...J. H. Joslyn;
41. Moose Jaw.....Coleman Bristol, M. A.;
42. Medicine Hat and C. P. R. ..Wellington Bridgeman;
43. Saskatchewan .....One wanted;
44. Battleford .....One to be sent;
45. Prince Albert .....Caleb Parker;
46. Carrot River..One wanted, under Superintendent of Prince Albert;
47. Crescent City.....One wanted.

W. J. HEWITT, *Chairman.*
COLEMAN BRISTOL, M. A., *Financial Secretary.*

V.—THE PEMBINA AND TURTLE MOUNTAIN DISTRICT.

48. Nelson and Mountain City .... Wesley W. Colpitts, one to be sent;
49 Boyne River ..... Charles Myers (Carman City);
50. Crystal City ..... John W. Bell, B. D., D. Scott Houck;
51. Beaconsfield ..... Septimus C. Colwill (Archibald);
52. Cypress River ..... John Peters (Holland);
53. Cartwright ..... Andrew Stewart, B. D., one wanted;
54. Turtle Mountain ..... Peter W. Davies (Deloraine), Geo. H. Long (Deloraine), C Powell (Minnewashta.)

ANDREW STEWART, B. D., *Chairman.*
J. W. BELL, B. D., *Financial Secretary.*

VI.—THE SASKATCHEWAN DISTRICT.

55. Edmonton ..... D. C. Sanderson
56. Woodville ..... J. Nelson, under Superintendent of Edmonton.
57. Battle River ..... To be supplied;
58. Victoria ..... James A. McLachlan;
59. Stony Plains ..... To be supplied;
60. White Fish Lake ..... Henry B. Steinhauer;
61. Calgary ..... One wanted, James Turner (left without an appointment on account of ill health);
62. Slave Lake ..... To be visited;
63. Blood Indians ..... John McLean (Calgary);
64. Black Foot Crossing ..... To be supplied;
65. Morley ..... John McDougall;
66. Piegans ..... To be supplied;
67. Fort McLeod ..... One wanted;
68. Sarcee Indians ..... To be supplied.

JOHN McDOUGALL, *Chairman.*
JOHN McLEAN, *Financial Secretary.*

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

1.—STATE OF THE WORK.

The Committee appointed by this Conference to report on the state of the work, recognize with thanksgiving to Almighty God, the success which has crowned the efforts of our laborers, both in the Indian and in the white work during the past.

Above forty years ago, the first Missionaries were sent to labor among the aborigines of this land. During this time, very many have been led to renounce their Paganism and embrace the Christian faith. These labors have been fruitful, not only in their direct results—the conversion of the Indians—but also in teaching loyalty to British rule, and friendship to the incoming white settlers.

The peaceful relations of the two races, induced to no small extent, by the efforts of our Missionaries, and specially by the labors of the late Rev. George McDougall, is a matter of world-wide comment. But, although much has been done in the past for the Indian tribes of this land, a great deal remains to be done. The Dominion Government is now endeavoring to settle the Indians on their reservations, and strenuous efforts should be put forth to reach them there. The degrading effects of frontier civilization on the Indians ought to be promptly met by the labors of our Missionaries. In this connection your committee beg leave to call your attention to the fact that recently a large body of Indians, numbering some two thousand, has gone north from Fort Walsh to their reservation on the North Saskatchewan. It is important that they be followed immediately, and that attention be also given to the

reservations bordering on such centres as Regina, Qu'Appelle and Broadview. A large number of Indians are settled at Blackfoot Crossing, and as yet have no Missionary. This tribe heretofore has been scattered and in a great measure inaccessable, but now they are settled on their reservation and ready for a Missionary.

Fifteen years ago the first Missionary, whom we now delight to honor as President of this new Conference, was sent to labor among the white settlers on the Red River. From that time till the present the work, has been vigorously prosecuted as far as men and money were available. On looking over the present state of this department of our work, we see reasons for devout thanksgiving to the great Head of the Church for the measure of success vouchsafed, and reasons also for renewed diligence and earnest consecration in order that we may meet the demands of the present and the requirements of the future. The unsettled condition and circumstances of the first few years of life in a new country are such as are fraught with dangers to the stability of the religious life. These dangers we would specify as:

(1.)—Neglect of the means of grace for the public and private. Although the new settlers of Manitoba and the North West are church going people, yet your committee cannot ignore the fact that there are many who practically neglect the public means of grace. Your committee would also beg leave to point out the fact that in the remoter settlements where there have been no public means of grace for one or two years, even those who before were faithful attendants become very careless. The intense application to business and the haste to be rich interfere most seriously with the devotional reading of the Word and family worship.

Your committee would urge most strongly the importance of family religion as the basis of all spiritual life as well as of all true national life.

(2.)—The spirit of speculation engendered by the late boom your committee regrets to observe, had a very bad effect on the religious life of the people.

(3.)—With the old foes,—intemperance and Sabbath desecration, —we have still to contend. For these and kindred forms of evil, your committee has no new antidote to prescribe. The faithful application

of divine truth to the mind and conscience, and the use of such prudential means as the circumstances of the case warrant, will in the future, as in the past, be found to be the most effectual. Your committee is also of the opinion that one of the greatest obstacles in the way of the completeness of our organization, and the efficiency of our labors, is the want (in the newer settlements) of suitable places in which to hold our services. Until we have churches, we cannot employ the whole machinery of Methodism, and in proportion as we cannot employ it, in that proportion we fail in obtaining the object at which we aim. We note, therefore, with profound satisfaction, the success of the "Church and Parsonage Aid Scheme."

Your committee would respectfully call the attention of all our Missionaries to the importance of visiting outlying districts adjoining their fields, and of making for their own use, and that of their successors, lists of the names of members and adherents of our Church. Very many have been lost to the Church through neglect of this very important duty.

W. J. HEWITT, *Chairman.*
ANDREW STEWART, B. D., *Secretary.*

2.—REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH PROPERTY.

I.—Your Committee recommend that immediate and vigorous action be taken on all our Missions to secure eligible sites for churches and parsonages.

II.—Your Committeee would draw serious attention to the important matter of securing satisfactory titles to all property acquired by our Church: and in cases where the property is held under any other than our own "model deed," no time be lost in securing such property to the Connexion in the regular way, and in duly recording the same. Blank forms of the "model deed" may be had upon application to Wilson Bros., 320 Main Street, Winnipeg.

III.—Whereas the necessary acts of incorporation, entitling our

Church to hold property in the North West Territories, have not yet been secured, your Committee recommend that the following brethren and laymen be appointed a committee to secure the needed legislation in the matter :

REV. GEORGE YOUNG, D. D.,	Winnipeg.
REV. W. J. HEWITT,	Regina.
REV. COLEMAN BRISTOL, M.A.,	Moose Jaw.
REV. JOHN MCDOUGALL,	Morley.
J. H. BENSON, ESQ.,	Regina.
W. H. GIBBS, JR., ESQ.,	Regina.
STEPHEN H. CASWELL, ESQ.,	Troy.
RICHARD HARDISTY, ESQ.,	Edmonton.

IV.—Your Committee further recommend that at as early a date as practicable, sets of plans of churches and parsonages be prepared to meet the varied wants and peculiarities of this rapidly developing country. In our judgment such action would tend to secure suitability, convenience and economy. In order to give this clause effect, we also recommend that the President of Conference, Secretary of Conference, and the Rev. E. A. Stafford, M. A., be appointed a committee to secure such plans, and to supply information on these matters to applicants. It is further suggested that the expenses of this Committee be borne by the Treasury of the Contingent Fund.

JAMES WOODSWORTH, *Chairman.*
W. W. BRIDGEMAN, *Secretary.*

3.—REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS.

In presenting this report, the Committee regrets to say that from some fields no report has come to hand, and from others the reports are incomplete.

Your Committee, having carefully considered the various subjects presented, begs leave to present the following report :—

There are at present sixty-eight missions and circuits in connection

with this Conference, of which five are self-sustaining; forty-six missions to the white settlers and seventeen to the Indians. Our Missionaries traverse an area of 175,000 square miles, containing 269 preaching stations, where regular services are maintained; forty-eight churches, thirty-two parsonages, and twelve rented houses.

The services are attended by 13,875 hearers. There are 2,883 members, and 1,767 families in connection with our Church.

For Ministerial support, there was raised last year $13,085, which amount will be largely increased during the current year. The Society Classes number eighty-two, the Sunday Schools sixty-eight.

Your Committee beg leave to recommend the Conference to instruct the brethren to procure a fuller account of the number of members and adherents, so that a more exact record can be made.

JOHN W. BELL, B. D., *Chairman.*
S. E. COLWILL, *Secretary.*

4.—REPORT OF CHILDREN'S FUND COMMITTEE.

Your Committee met, and after carefully considering this subject begs to report as follows:—

On the understanding that the receipts and disbursements of this fund are to be managed by the Toronto Conference Children's Fund Committee for the present year, no action was deemed necessary. The *per capita* tax upon the rateable membership being fixed at forty-four cents.

Your Committee presents the following figures, which, though not exact, are as nearly so as could be ascertained: number of church members, 1,977; number of claimants fifty-five, which at $30 each would require a tax of eighty-four cents. *per caput* of the membership. This is exclusive of our Indian work.

Whereas the Manitoba and North West Conference is composed almost entirely of mission fields where the population is at present limited, and whereas the number of claimants on the Children's Fund is largely out of proportion to the membership, your Committee there-

fore suggests that this Conference memorialize the Central Board of Missions, or, in event of union, the General Conference to make such provision as shall enable this Conference to pay the claimants upon the Children's Fund on the basis of the Toronto Conference Children's Fund, without a larger *per capita* tax upon our membership.

Your Committee would also suggest the appointment of Brother Woodsworth as Conference Treasurer.

JAMES WOODSWORTH, *Secretary.*
J. A. JACKSON, *Chairman.*

5.—REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

1.—APPORTIONMENT OF THE WORK AND PRELIMINARY COURSE OF STUDY.

Greek and Latin, ... REV. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, B. A.
Mathematics, ... REV. A. STEWART, B. D.
Natural Science..... REV. W. L. RUTLEDGE.
Modern Language, ... REV. T. BEYNON, B. A.
Theology..... REV. JAS. WOODSWORTH.

FIRST YEAR'S COURSE,

Angus' Bible Hand-Book, part 1, chap. 1 to 3, REV. W. L. RUTLEDGE.
Smith's New Testament History..... REV. A. STEWART, B. D.
Smith's Old Testament History..... REV. A. STEWART, B. D.
Wesley's Sermons, ... REV. JAS. WOODSWORTH.
Exegesis..... REV. E. A. STAFFORD, M.A
Theology..... REV. JAS. WORDSWORTH.

SECOND YEAR'S COURSE.

Angus, part 1, chaps 4 and 5..... REV. W. L. RUTLEDGE.
Gospel of St John (Greek) ..... REV. E. A. STAFFORD, MA
History Christian Church ..... REV. J. W. BELL, B. D.
Pope, vol. I..... REV. C. BRISTOL, M A.

THIRD YEAR'S COURSE.

Epistle to Romans (Greek) .....REV. E. A. STAFFORD, M. A.
Bain's Rhetoric, ...REV. JAS. WOODSWORTH.
Stevens History of Methodism, ...REV. J. W. BELL, B. D.
Pope, vol. II .....REV. COLEMAN BRISTOL, M. A.
Shedd's History of Doc., vol. I., ..REV. A. STEWART, B. D.

FOURTH YEAR'S COURSE.

Pope, vol. III , ...REV. C. BRISTOL, M. A.
Wright's Logic of Christian Evidences REV. J. W. BELL, B. D.
Diman's Theistic Argument .....REV. W. L. RUTLEDGE.
Milne's Elementary Notions of Logic..REV. B. FRANKLIN, B. A.
Day's Logical Praxis, ...REV. B. FRANKLIN, B. A.
Murray's Hamilton, ...REV. E. A. STAFFORD, M. A.
Fletcher's Checks, ...REV. J. F. BETTS.
Natural Science .....REV. J. F. BETTS.
Modern Language .....REV. T. B. BEYNON, B. A.
Discipline Methodist Church .....REV JAS. WOODSWORTH.

2.—RULES RESPECTING CANDIDATES.

Nothing in our present course of study shall be understood to prevent a District Meeting, in special cases from recommending a candidate to the Conference for reception on trial after examination by the Chairman before the District Meeting, on the subject of the Preliminary Course of Study.

The examinations on the various districts shall be conducted on the first Wednesday of May; and in cases where probationers are far removed from the place appointed for the examination, they may, by dispensation of the President of Conference, be examined under the supervision of their respective Superintendents.

The Examinations shall be conducted within each district in which there are probationers, by the Chairman of the district and the members of the Examining Board resident within the district.

E. A. STAFFORD,
Chairman.

6.—REPORT OF TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE.

Your Committee cannot but deplore the fact that in spite of the many guards that were thrown around this country, the liquor traffic has broken in and assumed enormous proportions, so that now the most constant and earnest effort on the part of all friends of sobriety will be required to stem the torrent and save our land from the overflowing curse.

We have noticed with satisfaction the increasing activity in temperance work in the Province of Manitoba, especially in the regular Templar Lodge and the Blue Ribbon movement in Winnipeg. Your Committee respectfully remind the Conference that legal prohibition is the only goal and logical outcome of all temperance effort, and would urge every member to use the utmost effort to help to attain this desirable end. We would call the attention of this Conference to the fact that the liquor permit system has been terribly abused in the added territory of Manitoba and in the North West, and would respectfully suggest that this Conference should present an humble address to the Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba and to the Lieutenant-Governor of the North West Territory, setting forth the facts of the case, and urging that the provisions of the law be strictly enforced, in as far as possible, in spirit and in letter, and that this Conference should memorialize the General Conference to approach the Dominion Government in the same way and to the same effect,

Your Committee would suggest that our Sabbath School machinery should be more utilized in the promotion of temperance among the young. We suggest that the Conference should prepare a Sunday School class honor roll, either for framing or mounted on rollers like maps, to receive the names of teachers and scholars and to be hung on the wall opposite every class, and frequently referred to by superintendents and teachers, and the children instructed in the meaning of the pledge which they have signed.

Your Committee urgently recommend this Conference to direct that all our societies use only unfermented wine at the sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Your Committee recommend that all our Ministers shall preach specially on the subject of temperance once at least at each appointment on the circuits or missions during the year.

J. W. BELL, B. D., *Chairman.*
J. F. BETTS, *Secretary.*

7.—REPORT OF MEMORIAL COMMITTEE.

Your Committee have carefully considered the statements set forth in the memorials from Grace, Bannatyne and Zion Churches, would report as follows :—

(1.)—That in our opinion the separate existence of the congregation now worshiping in Bannatyne Street Church is a denominational necessity.

(2.)—That we recommend the removal of the building now occupied by that congregation to a place sufficiently distant from Grace and Zion Churches so as not to materially affect their congregations, or to a point not less than three-quarters of a mile from Grace Church, and not less than seven-eighths of a mile from Zion Church.

(3.)—That we further recommend their case to the favorable consideration of the Central Board of Missions for a grant for the present year.

J. F. BETTS, *Chairman.*
A. B. HAMES, *Secretary.*

8.—REPORT OF SABBATH SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Your Committee in presenting this, their first report, feel that owing to the newness of the work and the far scattered fields of labor upon which our Ministers are frequently placed, that it is difficult to obtain ample returns from all our stations. We have, however, in these lands more than sixty-eight schools, in which are

employed upwards of 263 officers and teachers, with not less than 3,000 scholars. Whilst we thank God for these opportunities for sowing seed in the morning of life, yet we notice with concern the disparity between the number of schools and the number of preaching stations in our work. Yet we are glad to learn that this is in part to be accounted for by the fact that our people in many places attend and give their assistance to "Union Schools," from which we get no report. Your Committee have further to recommend that our literature, and especially our catechism, be employed as a medium of instruction as far as possible, and where opportunities present themselves, that Bible Classes be formed, and that in every way we make what provision we can for the spiritual training of those, who by the laying on of His own hand, Christ ordained as members of His church and kingdom for all time.

W. J. HEWITT, *Chairman.*

W. W. COLPITTS, *Secretary.*

9.—REPORT OF CONTINGENT FUND COMMITTEE.

Your Committee met pursuant to announcement, and having carefully considered the accounts presented, would respectfully submit the following report.

To amount of accounts	$52 67
By collections, Wesley Hall, August 5	64 36
Balance on hand	$11 69

Your Committee would respectfully recommend the appointment of the Rev. W. R. Morrison, Secretary and Treasurer of the Contingent Fund for the ensuing year.

HENRY KENNER, *Chairman.*

A. B. HAMES, *Secretary.*

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS.

1.—HONOR TO THE PRESIDENT.

Moved by Rev. James Woodsworth, seconded by Rev. J. F. Betts:

"That we desire to express our great satisfaction at the appointment of the Rev. Geo. Young, D. D., as President of the Manitoba and North Western Conference, and do now tender Dr. Young our cordial thanks for the able and courteous manner in which he has presided over the sessions of this Conference, and pray that the great Head of the Church may continue to bless him with those qualifications which he possesses in so eminent a degree for the performance of the various and peculiar duties of this important office." Carried.

2.—COMPLIMENTARY TO REV. J. F. GERMAN.

It was moved by Rev. Mr. Ruttan, seconded by Rev. Mr. Hames, and unanimously

RESOLVED:—"That the cordial thanks of this Conference be presented to the Rev. J. F. German, M. A., Chairman of the Brampton District, Toronto Conference, for the able, eloquent and appropriate sermon preached in connection with the ordination of the young men to the office and work of the ministry of the Methodist church of Canada."

3.—REV. JAMES WOODSWORTH'S SERMON.

It was moved by Rev. Coleman Bristol, M.A., seconded by Rev. S. E. Colwill:

"That we listened with much pleasure and profit to the soundly Methodistic, able and faithful sermon by Rev. Jas. Woodsworth, delivered in Wesley Hall last evening, and that we hereby tender to him our grateful sense of the value of the discourse." Carried.

4.—APPRECIATION OF KINDNESS.

On motion of Revs. Messrs. Colpitts and Ruttan, it was

RESOLVED—"That the thanks of the Conference are due and hereby presented to our many friends in Winnipeg, who have so kindly opened to us their doors and so generously entertained us at their homes during the sessions of this Conference, and we unite to pray that the blessing of the Lord rest upon them."

It was also resolved that the thanks of the Conference be presented to the Ministers of Winnipeg for their kindness in finding homes for us, and we request that they read the former resolution from their pulpits next Lord's day.

5.—THANKS TO HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

It was moved by Rev. J. Betts, seconded by Rev. W. T. Dyer:

"That the thanks of this Conference be tendered to the Historical Society of this city, for granting to our Ministers the free use of their library, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Society by the Secretary." Carried.

6.—GRATITUDE TO CONFERENCE POST MASTER.

On motion of Revs. Messrs. Rutledge and Woodsworth.

"The thanks of the Conference were tendered Rev. Mr. Daniel for acting as Conference post master: also to the post master of Winnipeg for placing a post office box at the disposal of the Conference."

7.—IN FAVOR OF BRO. McLEAN.

On motion of Revs. Messrs. Hunter and Bridgeman, it was

RESOLVED:—"That having heard Bro. John McLean's statement of his work among the Blackfeet Indians, and of his great need of help, this Conference gives Bro. McLean permission to solicit subscriptions within the bounds of the Conference, to relieve his financial embarrassment."

8.—RELATIVE TO COLLEGES.

Moved by Rev. E. A. Stafford, M. A., seconded by Rev. James Woodsworth, and

RESOLVED:—"That as a Conference we affirm our conviction that in these North Western provinces, collegiate education should be controlled by the various churches in colleges affiliated to the Provincial University, and we are persuaded that as a denomination without great moral influence, and of position in the community, we cannot longer delay to provide, at as early a date as possible, for the opening of colleges for the education of both sexes, and inasmuch as a charter was granted some nine years ago to a Board constituted to take charge of a college for male students, the Conference appoint the following gentlemen (see Committees, No. 15) as a Committee, to act conjointly with that Board as need be in taking steps to secure buildings, endowments, and to attend to any other necessary preliminary work for the opening of such schools."

9.—THANKS TO THE C. P. R. COMPANY.

It was moved by Rev. W. Bridgeman, seconded by Rev. Thos. Lawson, and carried;

"That the thanks of this Conference be tendered to the C. P. R. authorities for their kindness and consideration in granting half-fare permits to the Ministers of the Methodist Church of Canada, and for their liberal consent to carry building material for church purposes at reduced rates; and also that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the C. P. R. authorities, and one sent for publication in the city press."

10.—CAMP MEETINGS.

On motion of Revs. Messrs. Bridgeman and Ruttan it was

RESOLVED:—"That at as early a date as possible two camp meetings be held within the limits of this Conference." (See Committees)

11.—HELPS FOR INDIAN MISSIONARIES.

On motion of Rev. John McLean, seconded by Rev. A. W. Ross it was

RESOLVED:—"That we respectfully request the President of the Conference to lay before the Central Board of Missions the great necessity for the success of our Indian work; that there be prepared as speedily as possible a translation of suitable religious books, for the use of the Indians in the North West, in the syllabic characters, and that sermons prepared by our Indian Missionaries be published in the English orthography for the use of our Mission Teachers and those unable to read the syllabic characters, and that linguistic helps be kept on hand at the mission rooms, that missionary agents may without difficulty be able to procure them."

12.—A CONFERENCE MEMENTO.

It was resolved on motion of Rev. A. Stewart, seconded by Rev. W. T. Dyer:

"That the Conference promise their sympathy and support to the Bishop Lithographing and Printing Co., for having prepared a paper with reference to the history of our church work in the land, and also to the present Conference Session" Carried.

13.—BOOK ROOM WANTED.

On motion by Revs. Messrs. Stafford and Dyer, it was

RESOLVED:—"That a committe be appointed, by nomination of the President, consisting of an equal number of ministers and laymen to consider the advisability of establishing a book room at Winnipeg, and of issuing a small paper devoted especially to the interests of Methodism in this Conference and the North West." (See Committees.)

14.—NON-MEMBERS WELCOMED.

Moved by the Rev. E. A. Stafford, M. A., seconded by the Rev. James Woodsworth, and

RESOLVED:—"That brethren laboring within the geographical boundary of this Conference, but who had not been formally transferred into the Toronto Conference be requested to participate in all the proceedings of this Conference, speaking and voting; except that they shall not vote upon any question having such legal bearings that an illegal vote would vitiate its effect."

15.—THE CASE OF BRO. NELSON.

On motion of Revs. John McLean and William Halstead, it was

RESOLVED:—"That the Chairman of the Saskatchewan District be authorized to employ John Nelson of Woodville, N. W. T., with a view to his special ordination for the Indian work."

16.—ABOUT BRO. POWELL'S EXAMINATION.

It was moved by Rev. J. W. Bell, B. D., seconded by the Rev. W. J. Hewitt:

"That in accordance with the resolution of the Toronto Conference, Bro. Powell be allowed to write for his preliminary course on the text books of last year."

17.—METHODIST UNION.

Rev. James Woodsworth moved the following resolutions, seconded by Rev. W. L. Rutledge:

"That as a Conference, we cannot lose the opportunity of expressing our high satisfaction at the progress made by the great movement for the unification of the four Methodist Churches of Canada: that the united committee agreed upon a basis upon which it was thought a union could be affected; that this basis has received the endorsation of an overwhelming majority of the laity of all the churches concerned; and that a very large majority of the ministers assembled in their various conferences likewise cordially accepted the provisions of this basis; and in view of the possibility of a limitless expenditure of money and of moral force for no desirable end in this great and rapidly developing North Western country if the present be perpetuated; and in view of the many desirable results of such a union, other than the avoidance of the aforesaid evils, we express an earnest desire that nothing may prevent the acceptance of the basis of union by the General Conference, soon to assemble; and that the crowning act of union in the assembly of the General Conference of the united church may, by the blessing of God, be brought about at the time provided for in the basis."

After a long and interesting discussion, in which many of the brethren took part, the resolution was unanimously carried.

18.—RECOGNITION OF MERIT.

Resolved, on motion of Revs. Messrs. Stewart and Langford:

"That we gladly recognize the success attending the work of the Rev. Orrin German, of Norway House Mission, in his translation of a part of the catechism, many of our hymns, and several tracts into the Cree language, and also the fact that steps have been taken for the translations to be published in the syllabic character, Rev. Mr. German being now in Toronto to oversee the work."

19.—THE CONFERENCE OF NEXT YEAR.

Revs. Messrs. Rutledge and Morrison moved:

"That the next annual session of the Conference be held in Zion Church, Winnipeg." Amendments were moved by Revs. Messrs. Hames and Hewitt in favor of Portage la Prairie, and by Revs. Messrs. Lawson and Beynon in favor of Brandon, the latter of which was carried by a considerable majority.

On motion of Revs. Messrs. McDougall and Hewitt:

The date of the next Annual Conference was fixed as the third Wednesday in June, 1884.

20.—COURSE OF STUDIES FOR THE INDIAN WORK.

On motion of Revs. Messrs. Stafford and Bell, it was

RESOLVED:—"That, inasmuch as candidates who are expected to labor only in the Indian work require special qualifications not dependent wholly upon scholastic status, the General Conference be requested to have a special course of study prepared for such candidates as has been done for laborers in the French and German work, and that such course of study be confined almost exclusively to theological subjects, and give proper recognition to the work of acquiring any branch of the Indian language."

21.—A WANT EXPRESSED.

Resolved, on motion of Revs. Messrs. Morrison and Hames:

"That this Annual Conference memorialize the General Conference at its next session to change the law of the Church, so that married men well qualified for the Indian work can be employed in the active work of our Church."

22.—ANOTHER.

The following resolution was adopted on motion of Revs. Messrs. Bell and Colwill:

"That, whereas the working of the Children's Fund has been found to be very unsatisfactory, and in many cases very oppressive, therefore, this Conference would respectfully memorialize the General Conference to the effect that the Children's Fund should be either abolished, or so re-arranged that its working may be established on an entirely new basis"

STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

ORDER OF CONNEXIONAL COLLECTIONS.

The collections in aid of the Connexional Funds shall be taken up in the following order, viz:—

1. CONTINGENT FUND:—In the months of September and March.
2. SUPERANUATED MINISTER'S FUND: In the month of November.
3. EDUCATIONAL FUND:—In the month of April.
4. SABBATH SCHOOL FUND:—In the month of September.
5. GENERAL CONFERENCE FUND:—In the month of July.

MINISTERS REMOVING.

On motion of Revs. Messrs. Hewitt and Bridgeman, it was

RESOLVED:—"That a preacher removing from one circuit to another shall be responsible for two Sabbaths after Conference for the circuit he is leaving, and be required to be on his new circuit the third Sabbath after Conference."

ADDRESS

TO

THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR

OF THE

NORTH WEST TERRITORIES.

To the Honorable E. Dewdney, &c.,

Lieutenant-Governor of North West Territories.

HONORED SIR:—

We, the ministers of the Manitoba and North West Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada, in this our first session, desire to express our appreciation of the uniform courtesy, kindness and help which our missionaries have received from you in the prosecution of their work.

Realizing the difficulties of your position in this new country, we would assure you that in the initiation and carrying out of the methods for the well being of the widely-

scattered communities over which you administer Her Majesty's laws, you will always find in our missionaries willing co-operators.

We mark, with great satisfaction, the efforts to place the Indian bands on their reservations; and are putting forth efforts to supply teachers and ministers, as far as possible, to all the bands yet unvisited.

One subject has been brought prominently before the Conference that we can only carry out with your efficient co-operation, namely, the liquor permit system. We do not think that no permits should be issued, but we are of opinion that they should be only under very exceptional circumstances.

Believing, as we do, that the absence of intoxicants tends to advance the interests of society in all respects, we would pray your Excellency kindly to lessen the number of permits and to restrain the abuse of the permit system, as far as is consistent with your position and with the individual rights of our fellow-citizens.

That your term of office may be a pleasant one, and that the country may prosper in every respect under your administration, is the earnest wish of the members of this Conference.

Signed on behalf, and by order of the Conference.

GEORGE YOUNG, *President.*
JOHN SEMMENS, *Secretary.*

ADDRESS

TO THE

LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR

OF THE

PROVINCE OF MANITOBA.

To the Honorable James Cox Aikins, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Manitoba.

May it please your Honor:

We desire, as a Conference, to express to you our very great satisfaction at your appointment to the high position of Representative of the authority and power of our honored and beloved Sovereign in this Province, and to assure you of the continued attachment of ourselves and the people we represent to Her Majesty's person, and to the laws and institutions of her realm.

We gratefully recognize the inestimable value to this new community of your personal influence, in your distinguished position—always in sympathy with the Christian Church and its enterprises,—and we assure you that the practical support given by you to the great Temperance cause is highly appreciated by the Christian people of the Province.

We know that we need but ask your attention to the frequent disregard of wholesome laws calculated to hold the traffic in intoxicating drinks under restraint, especially in the abuse of what is called the permit system ; and to ask you that you will exercise whatever influence may lie in your prerogative to have the regulations relating thereto enforced in the spirit in which they were designed.

We assure you that your administration will always have the most hearty support of our ministers and people in every part of the Province ; and we pray that your term of office may be as pleasant to yourself and family as we are sure it will be prosperous to the community.

Signed on behalf of the Manitoba and North West Conference, of the Methodist Church of Canada.

GEORGE YOUNG, *President.*
JOHN SEMMENS, *Secretary.*

PASTORAL ADDRESS

OF THE

Manitoba and North West Annual Conference

To the Membership under its care.

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN:

In harmony with a custom long observed and greatly honored by our people, we, your pastors assembled in our Conference, address to you our affectionate greetings. We have met together to organize ourselves into a Conference which shall have the especial oversight of the work of God in our denomination throughout these great and rapidly developing provinces of the North West; and we gratefully assure you of the many indications of the Divine favor manifested to us during our deliberations, and in the various religious services held in connection with, and as a part of Conference work. We have abundant assurance that Providence has guided the course of events that has resulted in the creation of this the seventh Conference of our church in this Dominion.

It is not, however, an event that will result in any new laws, or, in any marked degree, in new methods in the administration of old ones. The religious life and activity of the various congregations will go on as before. The responsibilities of the membership of the church to God, and to each other, will not be lessened in any degree. We hope, however, that by the annual meeting in council of those who are most intimately acquainted with the work on the various circuits, we will both gather new zeal in the prosecution of our toil and aid each other in reaching the wisest means of guarding the interests of our church over our widely extended territory.

Enough is said in other influential publications upon the vastness, the exhaustless resources, and the glorious future of this North Western world, so that we need not dwell upon such topics; but we must not forget that a great door of opportunity standing open means the obligation to perform correspondingly great duties. The population at present settled in these provinces will have very great influence in determining what its future shall be. In moral and religious character, in intelligence and enterprise, the earliest inhabitants will be the guides, to a large extent, of those who come later. It is, therefore, of the highest importance that we and you give all diligence to establish and maintain the ordinances of the christian church, and all the means of grace peculiar to our own denomination, in every settlement where the nucleus of a future church organization may be formed. We do not desire to inculcate a love of denominationalism which shall exceed our love to christianity; for we cherish, and pray that all our people may also cherish the most kindly feeling toward all christian people of every name, and rejoice likewise in the success of all christian effort, but at the same time we are persuaded that methodism is calculated to meet certain demands of society which would otherwise be entirely neglected. We are well assured that the world still needs our living testimony to a conscious interest in the saving power of our Lord Jesus Christ. Spiritual religion is the only bar that can successfully resist all the various forms in which unbelief may appear. We do not believe that infidelity is any more determined, more violent, or more powerful than it has been in days that are gone, but in forms

more delusive, in words better calculated to impress and deceive, and in ways more subtle, refined by the exquisite art of this present age, unbelief is crowding with persistent energy its hopeless battle of all past time. Ecclesiastical organizations merely have always been weaker in resisting its attacks than wooden walls in the presence of modern explosive forces; but the religion of the heart that finds God in prayer, the faith that sees into the unseen, have never been successfully resisted by any force arrayed in opposition to Christ and his cause. The humble preacher has wielded a stronger arm than the polished writer—the plain evangelist has comforted advanced scholarship—the Holy Ghost is mightier than scientific deductions. We feel, therefore, that here as elsewhere, the responsibility of Methodism is great; and we earnestly exhort you to scrupulously maintain and exemplify the experience of vital piety. Let not mere talk about the love of goodness beguile you out of your experience in heart of the things of God. Let not sound scriptural doctrine be displaced by sentimentalism. Encourage not the sensationalism which flatters unregenerate men, and which would crowd itself into the place of the exposition and application to heart and life of God's holy word.

We are convinced that to realize the highest fruits of enlightened piety it is necessary to be united in form and sympathy with those who are laboring for the same ends. Let us earnestly urge upon your attention the importance of maintaining your connection with the visible church. There are many other reasons which cause frequent removals from one part of our wide territory to another. We call your attention to the importance of securing from your pastor, before undertaking any change in your residence, a certificate of your membership with the church, and of presenting it promptly to the nearest pastor upon your settlement in your new home. We fear that the neglect in this matter has caused us to lose sight of many valuable members of our church, and pray that in this as in all things we may have your assistance in gathering all Methodist people under our pastoral care. We think we understand and fully sympathise with your difficulties and privations in establishing homes in this new land. Those among you who are

more advanced in life feel deeply the breaking up of all the endeared associations that had grown up around you during many years. You experience for a time the loss of many of the conveniences that are found in lands that have been long under the culturing hand of man; but we congratulate you upon the fact that the laborious preparation which will secure for yourselves and children all the advantages of a high and ripe civilization needs be but short. We warn you of the danger, during even this brief period under new burdens, of suffering a decline of interest in spiritual things. The difficulties of attending public worship, the class and prayer meetings, may lead to their neglect, with the thought at the time that it will be only temporary; but no habit grows in strength more rapidly than neglect, and none is perhaps more subtle and beguiling, because it is free from any positive visible harm, but in the end it means spritual and eternal death.

We cannot too earnestly dwell upon the importance of a scrupulous observance of the Sabbath day. There is an active tendency abroad to treat the restrictions laid around this day as though they were simply the inventions of a priestly hierarchy, and that both manliness and liberty required an active protest against them. Let us beware of such a spirit, remembering that it is but one of the many forms in which worldliness and sin resists true religion. If the Sabbath is allowed to degenerate into a mere holiday, among any people, with that people religion will be but a name and its form even will scarcely be recognized. This is not saying that the Sabbath is all there is of christianity, but rather that true christianity—vital religion—always preserves the Sabbath in all its sacredness. Let us remember that no priestly hierarchy, but God the Almighty has said, "If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day, and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord honorable, and shall honor him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words, then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father; for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it."

We would also call upon you to consider the importance of systematic giving to the cause of God. If when our income is small we consecrate one-tenth to the Lord, the habit will easily grow with our prosperity, and there will return upon our souls an untold blessing on the high joy of being able to do much good with the temporal means wherewith God hath blessed us; and at the same time every department of the work of God will be both more liberally and more certainly secured than by even the richest endowments in lands or bonds. We are the more careful to urge this upon you because we are convinced that you will agree with us that in the rapid development which is possible in this country our circuits will not be dependent upon missionary aid for any long period, such as was necessary in the hewing down of the vast forests in the older provinces; but as the breadth of the field to be cultivated is so much vaster, it is desirable that missionary grants be expended upon the newer fields constantly being opened.

Closely connected with this topic is that of education. We know that we need not urge upon you the importance of the most liberal education possible for the youth of both sexes. On this subject you feel as we do, but we have to call attention to a great need of our church at this time. We are in sympathy with the system of education in Manitoba, in which there is one Provincial University, whose functions are exclusively the examination of candidates and the granting of degrees. The teaching must be conducted by colleges in affiliation with this university.

Three other religious denominations have already established their colleges in the capital of the Province, and a fourth proposes to do so very soon. This is right. The Christian Church should exercise a wise oversight of collegiate education, so far as responsibility for the character, qualifications and moral standing of the teachers is concerned. Now, up to the time of the meeting of our Conference, no steps have been taken by us as a Church, to provide for the higher education of our own children, but we have affirmed our conviction of the importance of taking immediate action to establish a college for the education of males, and another for females; and we have appointed mixed committees of ministers

and laymen to proceed with the proper steps. We are sure that even now there are among us enough of both sexes needing the advantages which these schools would provide, who would enter as students, to enable the work to begin with a very respectable attendance. We ask, therefore, your prayers for the success of this movement, and your hearty sympathy and support in making it a complete success.

The religious care of childhood, the training of our offspring for Christ, and for his church, is another matter that has received our prayerful consideration, and which we urge upon your attention. Let our earliest teachings be of Christ. Let the children learn early in life that they belong to God, and that among their first conscious acts should be that of consecration to his active service. And it is right that they should be taught to venerate the religion of their fathers. It is no more productive of filial affection and piety towards God, than it is consistent with truth, for them to gather the notions and affectations that can find no good society in the church in which their fathers walked. To adorn human society with the beauty of devout piety, and of all outward purity, is an ambition worthy the noblest spirit in any denomination. Let us remember that the condition and prosperity of our church in the future must not depend upon recruits from without, but upon the spiritual care of our own families.

We are constrained to ask you to unite with us in the effort to promote the great temperance movement in the highest sense of the word. As a church we have aimed to be a total abstinence society. We recognize with gratitude the rapid advancement being made by these principles. We pray that speedily over all this land there may cease to be any legal sanction for the manufacture and sale of anything that can intoxicate.

We recognize with gratitude the progress made by the movement for the union of the four Methodist bodies in Canada. The shadows of doubt as to the possible consummation of this object are fast being lifted, and before the end of the present month we confidently expect the last affirmative vote to be taken which is necessary to the assembling of the first general conference of the united body early

in September. This new country will be especially benefited by this great event; and instead of directing our energies to compete with those whose doctrines and usages do not differ from our own, we will have only that healthy stimulant to earnest activity which comes from working side by side with those who represent some specialty in doctrine or ecclesiasticism, and whose work is as necessary and helpful to the welfare of the country as our own.

And now, brethren, fully recognizing our oneness with you in the church of God, having with you common aims and interests, and desirous of joining hands in hearty sympathy and earnest co-operation, and the dependence upon God of us all for success in our labors, and with a deep sense of gratitude for his goodness in the past in guiding us through uncommon difficulties and dangers, and realizing how short is our swift flying day of labor, we commend ourselves and you, and all the interests of our dear church to his wise and paternal care.

GEORGE YOUNG, D. D., *President.*
JOHN SEMMENS, *Secretary.*

RESOLVED:—"That the pastoral address be read in each of the congregations of our church."

CONFERENCE

PUBLIC SERVICES.

1.—COMMUNION SERVICE.

On Wednesday evening, August 1st, the Rev. George Young, D. D., Superintendent of Missions in Manitoba and the North West, and President of the Conference, preached an interesting and instructive sermon.

After the sermon, the Ministers and a goodly number of lay friends joined in the observance of the Lord's Supper, which proved a season of rejoicing and consecration.

2.—MISSIONARY MEETING.

The Annual Missionary Meeting was held on Thursday evening. The President in the chair. Very excellent ad-

dresses were delivered by the Revs. John McLean, A. W. Ross, John McDougall, and Principal Grant, of Queen's College.

3.—RECEPTION SERVICE.

The reception of the Candidates for the Ministry, who had completed their term of probation, was held on Friday evening.

The president, who occupied the chair, explained the usage of the Church in reference to the reception and ordination of ministers.

After the calling of the names of the Candidates to be received, the following brethren related their christian experience and call to the ministry:—

John Peters and Albert D. Wheeler.

The Rev. S. D. Rice, D. D., President of the General Conference, moved, and the Rev. E. A. Stafford, M. A., Chairman of the Winnipeg District, seconded the reception of the Candidates for Ordination, with thoughtful addresses, eloquently delivered. The Rev. Osborn Lambly, M. A., of Port Arthur, supported the resolution in an able manner. By a standing vote, the Candidates were received by the Conference.

The Rev. George Young, D. D., President, then addressed a few weighty words of practical counsel to the Ordination Class, after which followed adjournment.

4.—SABBATH SERVICES.

The Love Feast on Sabbath morning was conducted by the Rev. W. Halstead, and was a season of pleasant christian fellowship.

The Rev. J. F. German, of the Toronto Conference preached the official sermon, taking for his text, 2 Cor., iv chap., 6th verse.

After the sermon, the President of the Conference, assisted by the Chairmen of Districts and others, ordained the Candidates for the Ministry, by the imposition of hands, in accordance with the order of service in the discipline of our Church.

In the evening the Rev. James Woodsworth, Chairman of the Portage la Prairie District, preached a very earnest and instructive sermon.

Several of the pulpits of the City were also occupied by members of the Conference; and stirring addresses were given in the Methodist and Congregational and Baptist Sabbath Schools.

5.—TEMPERANCE MEETING.

The meeting of the friends of the Temperance cause was held on Saturday evening. Addresses were given by Revs. J. W. Bell and W. T. Dyer, and the service was one of unusual interest.

VISITORS INTRODUCED TO THE CONFERENCE.

Rev. Osborne Lambly, M. A., ...Toronto Conference
" George Roddick .....Presbyterian Church.
" J. B. Silcox .....Congregational Church.
" W. Hoyhurst .....Presbyterian Church.
" Charles Ladner, (late of).....Newfoundland Conference.
" Thomas Argue .....M. E. Church in Canada.
" B. F. Austin, M. A. .....Alma Ladies College.
" Rev. J. F. German, M. A. .....Toronto Conference.
" Mr. Hamilton .....Presbyterian Church.
" Mr. Wright .....Presbyterian Church.
" A. C. Cameron .....Baptist Church.
" Henry Ward Beecher .....Brooklyn, N. Y.
" S. D. Rice, D. D. .....Pres't. General Conference.
Mr. Insull.....Of London, England.
" Mr. Bee .....Primitive Methodist Church.
His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba.

All the visitors were cordially welcomed, the Conference rising. A brief address was given by each, expressive of interest in our work.

Moved by Rev. E. A. Stafford, M. A., seconded by Rev. W. J. Hewitt, and

RESOLVED:—"That we cannot lose the opportunity of expressing our great satisfaction and encouragement by the presence in our midst, to-day, of the distinguished visitors who have favored us with their presence."

"To his honor, the Lieutenant-Governor of this Province, we will, in a suitable way, at a proper time, express our sentiments of confidence and esteem, only now thanking him for his presence."

"To Mr. Beecher, the most distinguished preacher in America, if not in the world, who, unlike any other, has given inspiration to very many preachers in all lands, we express our gratitude for his presence and for his tender and sympathetic words, and we assure him of the great profit we have received from his words spoken and written. Our prayer is that his path may increase in brightness to the end."

QUESTION.—When and where shall the next Conference be held?

ANSWER.—In the Methodist Church, in the City of Brandon, on the third Wednesday in June, at 10 o'clock a.m.

The Minutes were read and confirmed, and the Conference was closed with appropriate religious service.

GEORGE YOUNG, PRESIDENT.
JOHN SEMMENS, SECRETARY.

ALPHABETICAL LIST

OF THE

MINISTERS AND PREACHERS

OF THE

Manitoba and North West Conference.

METHODIST CHURCH OF CANADA.

1883.

Year of enter'g Min'ry.	Name.	Circuit.	Length of Term.
1878	Adams, G. K., *Fin. Sec.*	Milford and Souris City	1
1874	Allen, J. E.	Gladstone	2
1877	Andrews, W. W.	College	2
1883	Avison, Richard	Griswold and Alexander	1
1882	Baker, W. M.	Oak River	1
1874	Barltrop, A. J.	Burnside and Prospect	3
1870	Bell, J. W., B. D.	Crystal City	2
	Betts, J. F.	Birtle	1

1877	Beynon, T. B., B. A.	Virden	1
	Bristol, C., M. A., *Fin Sec.*	Moose Jaw	1
	Bridgeman, W.	Medicine Hat	1
	Buckler, W. M.	Elton	1
	Colpitts, W. W.	Nelson and Mt. City	1
	Colwill, S. E.	Beaconsfield	2
	Craig, R. H.	Big Plain	1
1871	Davies, P. W.	Turtle Mountain	1
	Daniel, Geo	Bannatyne Street, Winnipeg	1
1873	Dyer, W. T.	Rapid City	3
	Elliott, Joshua	Milford and Souris City	1
1872	Franklin, B., B. A.	Big Plain	3
1872	German, Orrin	Norway House	5
1871	Hames, A. B., *Fin Sec*	High Bluff	1
1862	Halstead, W.	Rat Portage and C. P. R.	2
1880	Helliwell, T., Sup'y	Winnipeg	4
	Howard, J. H.	Morris	1
	Hunter, J. E.	Dominion City	1
1873	Harrison, J. M.	Plum Creek and Souris	1
1858	Hewitt, J. W., Chairman	Regina	2
1882	Hauck, S. D.	Crystal City	2
	Hanna, Geo.	Plum Creek and Souris River	1
	Jackson, J. A.	Stonewall	1
	Joslyn, J. H.	Broadview	1
1875	Kenner, H.	Shell River'	1
	Ladner, Charles, Chairman	Brandon	1
	Long, Geo H.	Turtle Mountain	1
1875	Langford, Enos	Oxford House	5
1875	Lawson, T.	Qu'Appelle	1
1880	Laidley, R. B.	Selkirk	2

1873	Morrison, W. R.	Plympton	2
	Myers, Chas.	Boyne River	1
	Morden, T., B. A., Sup'y	Winnipeg	4
1875	MacLachlan, J. A.	Victoria	5
1875	McLean, John	Blood Indians	1
	McGregor, D.	Qu'Appelle	1
	Parker, Caleb	Prince Albert	1
	Peters, John	Cypress River	1
	Rawson, Joseph, Sup'y.	Birtle	1
1871	Robinson, I. N.	Neepawa	1
1872	Ross, A. W.	Fisher River	4
1870	Rutledge, W. L., *Fin. Sec.*	Winnipeg, Zion	2
1859	Ruttan, J. H.	Meadow Lea	1
1883	Roddick, George	Brandon Hills	1
	Sanderson, D, C.	Edmonton	1
1871	Semmens, J., *Sec. of Conf.*	Emerson	2
	Spence, W. H.	Brandon	1
	Stafford, E. A., B.A., *Chair'n.*	Winnipeg, Grace	1
1851	Steinhauer, Henry	White Fish Lake	9
1875	Stewart, A., B.D., *Chairman*	Cartwright	2
1870	Turner, J. (without station)	Calgary	1
1879	Wheeler, A. D.	Antlers	2
	Williams, C.	Birtle	1
1874	Wilson, T. B.	Minnedosa	3
1879	Wilson, W. G.	Moose Mountain	1
1864	Woodsworth, J., *Chairman*	Portage la Prairie	2
1842	Young, Geo., D. D., *Sup't of Missions and President of Conference*	Winnipeg	1

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